That Duplicate V.

THE AUTHOR OF "VAPID VAPORINGS" TO THE AUTHORESS OF "VAGRANT VERSES."

I scarcely had issued my pages
Of slight, unpretentious rhyme,
When a man in New York it enrages,
By theft of his name "Justin Thyme."
He writes horticultural verses
On celery, spinach, and such;
And I think neither of us the worse is
For the innocent error—not much.
But I fancied my alliteration
Was something unique in its way.
That a marvellous imagination
And a powerful brain would display.
Yet here once again I'm checkmated—
Cast down from my throne in the air;
Environed by trials, I'm fated
To give up my work in despair.
The difference, however, is small, and
Great intellects always agree,
So I think I'll conclude, Miss Mulholland,
To leave you the duplicate V.

University Life.

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There is something singularly charming about university life. It is peculiar in all its associations and experiences. There is certainly nothing like it in the great world outside or in the experiences of after years. It comes ordinarily when the student is in a kind of transition state—when he is passing from the rosy season of youth to the springtime of aspiring manhood. It is a period when golden sunshine lies across the path and fills the heart with the numberless inspirations of hope unchecked—hope untempered by disappointment. Then the senses are most active, the feelings most ardent, and the mind is instinct with the spirit of inquiry. Then the desire to learn is strongest and the power to learn greatest; and if the surroundings are pleasant and favorable to the acquisition of knowledge, the student will learn. He cannot do otherwise. If his companions are studious, he will be so. If they are actuated by a common spirit of emulation in this respect, he will share it. But if, on the other hand, they are subject to no special discipline or restraint; if they are permitted to consult their own inclinations in reading or studying what, when, and how they please; if the surroundings be not pleasant and calculated to afford general satisfaction, it is quite unlikely that this salutary emulation to study, to learn, to acquire knowledge, will be earnestly cultivated, or fostered, or even aroused.

In that early period of life the fancy claims unhindered sway, and the thoughts are naturally discursive. Though quick, active, energetic and lively enough, they are not deep; and though bold and ingenious, they are not stable and reliable. If inclined to investigation, their tendency naturally is to roam fruitlessly through the domain of mystery and abstract speculation rather than profitably to concern themselves with things practical and useful. The voluntary study of things common and practical is too likely to be found uninviting and irksome. Such facts show how necessary it is to direct undisciplined thought—to prescribe duties for and limits to its range, work and activity. Unless this be done it may well be apprehended that it is likely to take a wrong direction, or so many directions that very little can be accomplished in any of them.

It is important, therefore, to inquire what surroundings, what system of discipline, and what course of studies, are likely to prove most effectual in stimulating a student to devote himself with fidelity to his work, to study with zeal and interest, to improve his time and opportunities most profitably. While this is a matter that forcibly addresses itself to the attention of all friends of education, it is, nevertheless, to be feared that it has not received as much or as careful consideration as its importance deserves.

Of the different systems of university discipline
and education it is unnecessary, for the purpose of these remarks, to consider more than two, which, to use popular expressions, may be called the "old-time," or "common family," and the more modern or "boarding-around" system. The latter is probably the more popular, but that it is the better is very doubtful. Under the former system, students live together like members of one great family, having their apartments or dormitories, their refectories or dining-rooms, and the usual accessories and accommodations of a hotel, in one or more of the buildings attached to the university.

Under the other system they do not live at the university or within its precincts. They board at hotels or private houses scattered through the town or city where the university is situated, and at certain hours they repair to it to attend class. Afterward they return to their boarding houses, or go where they will. When not at class there is no more restraint upon them than upon other inhabitants of the place. In some instances, as when the classes are large, their absence is not noticed, even though they remain away days at a time. They are commonly acquainted with but few of their fellow-students, and it not unfrequently happens that they do not personally know all the members of their own classes. The acquaintance thus formed rarely ripens into a deep and lasting friendship. It is much the same as that existing between neighbors or citizens generally in a community. In numerous instances they do not give more than a fifth of their time to actual attendance at the university. Many of them, it is true, study at their boarding houses, but others feel or exhibit very little impulse to study there or anywhere else—and all are free to do as they like in the matter. Not a few give considerable time and attention to sports, amusements, and the demands of society, for it is their privilege to spend their evenings where they will and in whatever manner they please. The course of life runs in much the same channel as during school days in early life, except that the discipline was then stricter and the time for study less liable to interruption. They have wider latitude and greater license when "boarding around." They are not subject to parental control. They are not required to be at class more than an hour or two at any time during the day. They may participate in the little adventures suggested by their buoyant spirits without fear of being criticised or seen by friends and acquaintances. In short, they are under practically no restraint, and subject to no particular rules. They are free to shape their actions and form such habits as their surroundings may suggest.

Such is the so-called modern system, and such are some of the results to which its lax discipline and feeble influence frequently lead. But the other system is quite different, and it is the only one that realizes what may be termed genuine university life. This brings students into daily and hourly intercourse with one another. They dine together, they sleep in dormitories or adjoining apartments, they mingle together on the campus during recreation hours, and they necessarily meet frequently at class and lectures. In short, they live together like a common family, sharing the common aspirations and impulses, cheerfully submitting to the wholesome discipline in force, and entering into the inspiring spirit of emulation necessarily excited by such surroundings and influences. The rules to which they are subject are carefully calculated to guard them from the allurements and distractions of society, and to make them as industrious and studious as due care for health may seem to warrant. They become thoroughly acquainted with one another. The professors are always accessible, and frequently among them. Marked distinctions are removed or obliterated, a sense of equality is established, a feeling of common friendship prevails. Under such circumstances, intimate friendships that last throughout life frequently spring up among those of kindred tastes and tempers. This system brings students and professors together more frequently and more closely than any other.

Of course, there are some students to whom it is a matter of comparatively little moment to inquire what the respective merits of these two systems really are. But they belong to the class of earnest, persevering and industrious young men to whom work seems hardly less than a necessity—young men who love knowledge, who are fond of learning, who will study anywhere. To the great majority, however, it is a matter of much importance; for they will not study, unless under judicious discipline, supplied with the incentive of emulation, surrounded by influences that promote diligence, and satisfied with the college, the professors, the course of studies, and the like.

The surroundings and disciplinary tone of a university have undoubtedly much to do with shaping the character, directing the thought, and forming the habits. In one place a young man may grow up in indolence and be comparatively backward in learning, while in another he may make creditable progress in his studies and grow into habits qualifying him for an active and useful career in the outside world. Where a youth is least directed in his work, least obliged to account for his time, and freest to do as he pleases, he is most likely to manifest a preference for the easiest and least profitable work, to waste or misapply his time in undue attention to amusements or trifles, and to increase in indolence and general worthlessness.

It is a fact within the range of common observation and experience that far more can be accomplished in a given time when a person works under a sense of duty than when he has no such stimulus, or works voluntarily. When one undertakes the performance of any task to which he is urged by a sense of obligation or necessity, he accomplishes it with exceptional speed and facility. And the rule applies to young men at college as well as to persons involved in the activities of the outside world. If not judiciously directed in their studies, and as signed proper tasks, and required to work under a sense of duty, it is more than likely that they will fail to make rapid, substantial, or commendable progress. If left to consult their own caprices, and
to follow their own inclinations, they will not, in at least four cases out of five, one may venture to say, study diligently, or learn profoundly, or qualify themselves acceptably to discharge the duties to be undertaken in after years.

In view of such facts, it can hardly be doubted that careful training, and judicious counsel, and salutary discipline should not be overlooked in connection with a university education. This being granted, it will be found difficult, if not impossible, to escape the conclusion that the old-time system of university life and training possesses merits and advantages clearly superior to those of the modern. There are numerous colleges throughout the country that retain that system, and all of them are entirely satisfied with it. Of course, it is not to be supposed that the latest methods of teaching, or the most recent discoveries in the sciences, or the most approved progress in the arts, or unrestricted freedom and powers of eclecticism, are in any way inconsistent with the old-time system. No; this latitude is common to all liberal and progressive institutions, though it may be circumscribed by their means, policy and predilections. Sometimes under what is denominated the "old system" the most modern methods of teaching obtain, while comparatively ancient methods are deferentially followed in some colleges that affect the modern plan. Practically, then, the distinction lies between universities whose scholars live anywhere around town and those, whose students reside within the college precincts.

In the next place it is important to refer a little more particularly to the surroundings, the course of studies, etc. The advantages that accrue to a university from having beautiful and picturesque surroundings cannot be overestimated. A diversified landscape and healthful location, with extensive grounds, running waters, groves of timber, tracts of meadow, shade-trees, roads, walks, shrubbery, flowers, and the like, are accessories of the highest importance. They tend to make university life pleasant. They inspire a feeling of satisfaction and contentment. And, in passing, perhaps it is not superfluous to say that when a student is satisfied and contented he is capable of doing far more than when morose and unhappy, or displeased and melancholy. His health is better; his capacity is greater; his work is more effective.

The university buildings should be spacious, well ventilated, in good condition, scrupulously neat, well lighted, and securely guarded against the perils of fire. If situated in a town or city, a university is deprived of the natural advantages growing out of spacious grounds, picturesque site, and beautiful surroundings. It is necessarily circumscribed to a few acres, and it generally looks enough like an asylum or a factory to have a decidedly uninviting appearance. It is by no means an easy matter for a student to feel comfortable and contented in such narrow quarters and amidst such inhospitable surroundings. Moreover, he is thus subject to the claims of society, thrown into daily contact with all classes of people, and frequently required to be among persons who never were students, who are comparatively illiterate, who cannot share his aspirations or sympathize with his views. Under such circumstances he can ordinarily experience but a feeble incentive to study with assiduity; neither he nor his associates enter fully into the true spirit of university life, and he is likely to bestow too much thought upon matters frivolous and foreign to his proper work. Besides, he is likely to become prone to waste his time in anticipating work and doing things that fall more properly to later years. To insure immunity from such bewildering distractions and incongruous associations, a university ought to be at some distance —say a mile or so—from town. So situated, its surroundings would be charming. It would combine all the beauties and advantages of the country with the necessary conveniences and accommodations of the town or city.

At college a student should assiduously devote himself to the studies of the course upon which he enters. Whatever is foreign to it ought to receive no favor. Whatever may be learned as well at home or in after years ought not to be suffered to engross time or attention. The few years to which university life is restricted do not warrant much latitude in the choice of subjects of study or the use of time. The work and preparation of those few years must be the foundation of the whole superstructure of labor and usefulness in life. What the student is expected to study at a university can undoubtedly be learned there far more readily and thoroughly than anywhere else. If he allows his zeal to be arrested, and fails in the performance of his regular duties, on account of frittering away his time in the study or investigation of matters merely speculative and collateral, he must fall behind in his classes, and this is invariably unfortunate. A student behind his classmates in proficiency readily becomes discouraged, generally limps along through the course by a sort of suffering, and not unfrequently experiences a very mortifying sense of humiliation. He should first aim to attain proficiency in the classes of the course he selects, and if afterward he has additional time at his disposal, he may devote it to studies in the other courses for which he feels a pronounced partiality.

In the great domain of useful work, effective action, and sound thought, success seems to move in the most direct lines; and it may be freely asserted that unless a young man has specific aims, to the promotion of which he is faithfully and unwaveringly true, his course is likely to be confined to the eddies and shallows of life. But when true to his primary choice, no sound objection can be urged against the gratification of any pronounced taste he may have for optional studies in the other courses. And even if a student falls behind in any of his regular studies through a natural repugnance to it, there is hardly any controlling reason why he should not be granted some indulgence in the light of his standing in optional studies to which he more profitably applies himself. Some students have, for instance, an invincible dislike for mathematics, while others are extremely fond of that study. In such cases it would hardly be wise or practicable.
to require all to attain a like standard of proficiency in mathematics. It is said of Macaulay, Prescott, and several other eminent scholars, that they could never learn the mathematics of their collegiate course, and that they could never have graduated if required to learn it. But their deficiency in that study was viewed with indulgence on account of their acknowledged proficiency in other branches. And such indulgence is judicious in many cases. A person can never do well in pursuing a study which he regards with positive dislike, and unless it is an essential part of the course he selects, it is generally wiser to let him take instead its equivalent in optional studies.

One may appeal even to the experience of teachers and professors for confirmation of the truth of these remarks. Every professor knows that for some branches in the university curriculum he has a particular liking, and that he teaches these with an interest and enthusiasm that render his labors eminently successful. Put the same professor in charge of a class that does not interest him—ask him to give instruction in studies that enkindle in him no spark of enthusiasm—and in probably four cases out of five he will gradually sink to a level much below his reputation in the line of his regular and congenial work. And as the professor is, so are the students of his classes. If he does his work in a perfunctory way, they are likely to be as spiritless in doing theirs. Though they may be willing to follow, they are not inclined to lead. It follows, therefore, that professors, as well as students, should be permitted, whenever practicable, to do the work for which they are best adapted. They should enter into the spirit of the institution and be directed and governed by its aims and policy. Every university has an atmosphere or individuality, so to speak, peculiar to itself. It is vigorous, enterprising and progressive, or it is slow, cautious and conservative. Some men are by nature adapted to the atmosphere of the former, and find their work in it pleasant and congenial, while others feel out of their element if not in the latter. A student imbibes the spirit and becomes accustomed to the atmosphere of the institution in which he is taught. And from this point of view it may be stated, as a general rule, that in the selection of professors to fill vacancies created from time to time in a faculty, graduates of former years should be given preference. They are instinct with its spirit, they favor its aims, they are in accord with its policy, they appreciate its maternal solicitude for their welfare, and they feel honored at being called into its service. Such ren can not be otherwise than closely identified with the university that the student, graduates of former years should be given preference. They are instinct with its spirit, they favor its aims, they are in accord with its policy, they appreciate its maternal solicitude for their welfare, and they feel honored at being called into its service. Such ren can not be otherwise than closely identified with the university that the student never sees anything discordant between their work and its prevailing tone, and thus all the sooner he becomes imbued with its spirit, accustomed to its atmosphere, and satisfied with his surroundings. And to have students in that frame of mind realizes one of the first conditions of success.

No university can be successful or great unless its authorities and faculty enter heartily into the spirit of their work, and seek indefatigably to rise higher and higher, from year to year, in the scale of efficiency and thoroughness. They should endeavor to give it a standing calculated to make its alumni proud of it, and its students confident that it will be no empty honor to be numbered among its laureled children. There is a reciprocity in the duties it owes to them and they owe to it. The more carefully and effectually it does its part, the more confidently may it count upon their appreciative recognition of its merits—the more securely may it count upon realizing the success sure to result from a reputation honorable and enviable throughout the country.

It is a source of sincere satisfaction to the authorities of a university to know that its alumni are proud of it. Hardly anything can go further to make them feel compensated for their trying labors. On the other hand, the alumni, who are thus appreciative and grateful, find inexpressible pleasure in thinking and speaking of the associations and experiences of their university life, and in meeting to renew the friendship and recollections of boyhood in the annual reunions they hold. And to one who analyzes the emotions of the human heart it must seem that this disposition to speak with gratification of such past experiences is one of the truest tests of real pleasure. A sense of enjoyment which does not thus live through the years to the memory and heart, is deceptive and counterfeited; while every agreeable emotion so aroused by the recollection weaves a ray of sunshine into the life, which shines unobscured through all the mutations of succeeding years. And in those years the recollection of a pleasant, profitable and happy university life more frequently recurs to us and arouses such emotions than any other experience of life.

Fiesta de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe, 12 Dic

(Soneto.)

De Guadalupe en la villa encantada,
Donde brilla la luz de un sol sin velo,
Nuestra Senora fló su morada.
Allí ruega la gente arrodillada;  
Allí los angeles refrenan su vuelo; 
Alí se desvela y soñar el cielo, 
En tu templo, María Immaculada! 
Nos desterrados en tierra lejana, 
De Guadalupe en la villa encantada,
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En tu templo, María Immaculada! 
Nos desterrados en tierra lejana,
Mirando, en tu fiesta, amorosamente
Hacia tu santa ciudad mejicana,
En union con padres, amigos, gente, 
Te enviamos, O Patrona Soberana!
Recuerdos, preces, corazon y mente.

L. E. (Spanish Class.)

THE ONLY "SMARTNESS" WORTHY OF THE NAME IS THAT WHICH IS PERFECTLY UNCONSCIOUS OF ITS OWN EXISTENCE.
The Turkey.

On all occasions of great festivity and rejoicing,—such as Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, and many other feast-days,—it is customary to see the dining-tables heavily laden with choice edibles, foremost among which are turkeys. Everybody knows this, and appreciates it too; but what I was going to say is that, as everybody is not so well acquainted with the manners and habits of this favorite fowl, a few words on the subject might not be uninteresting. Should a student have some leisure moments and wish to get into mischief, he might do worse than take a stroll down to the farm-yards a day or so previous to the next turkey-dinner on a festival day, and try some experiments that I will tell him in the course of my remarks.

The real home of the turkey is North America—Canada especially. It has also been found along the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. In their wild state, turkeys are as haughty, proud and cowardly as when in the poultry-yard. The large poultry-yards of "well-to-do" farmers are generally fenced in by open slatted paling fences, several—perhaps eighteen or twenty—feet high, planted with, and surrounded by large trees and bushes. In the middle of the yard is an immense pond in which the ducks, geese and swans are continually sailing and diving, and enjoying the warm sunshine; about the pond are the hens, large and small, busy picking up the corn, wheat, etc., scattered around; rabbits, with their young ones, are nibbling away at choice blades of grass; variegated pheasants, pigeons and turtle-doves are hopping from branch to branch; and a blue-jay flies off with a piece of cheese stolen from the cat. Outside the poultry yard, lambs, kids and sheep follow their favorite, the stable and herds-boy; the dairy-maid is yonder milking the big beautiful, fat cows, the large mastiff crunching a bone with his teeth, and the herds-boys are tumbling the bedding-stuff from the stables, and in a direct line from the turkey's nose. He will continue to lie there, staring at the line motionless, until taken up, and in the mean time the little tuft or cap on his forehead has shrunk to its former size, the Adam's Apple has collapsed, and the nose regained its normal size and color. When removed, he will rise gently, pace away in his usual measured, majestic way, even take a bite of the food which he a short time ago so disdainfully rejected. Ferocious and haughty as he was ten minutes before, he will now suffer himself to be driven off into a remote corner of the yard by a cockerel, who had the misfortune to be hosted by him. The turkey in general is very cowardly; on perceiving a fowmart he will make off as fast as his heels can carry him, and will stoop into the high grass or into a bush or thicket at the sound uttered by a very small owl, perhaps not one-tenth of his size.

Such is the tame turkey as seen in domestic life; we will now take a view of him in his wild state. The wild turkey roam from one oak forest and walnut grove to the other, till the winter season overtakes him. He then selects a good, strong branch, which he chooses for his winter quarters. A sort of drowsiness overpowers him, and he throws back his head into his thick feathers, which afford him considerable warmth. During the autumn he has done nothing but stuff his stomach with acorns and walnuts. These make him so fat that if shot down from a high tree he will burst asunder on striking the ground. Possessing an over amount of nutriment in his body from his autumn gorging, the wild turkey requires but very little food during the winter season. At intervals, however, he descends from the tree-top and picks up a few acorns. Quite a number of the turkey family live thus together in a single dense forest. On the approach of spring, a hen makes the announcement with a peculiar cry, which is taken up by her next neighbor, then passed to the next, and in a few hours the whole colony are cooing. The gobblers descend from their tree-tops, and the hens creep out from their nests. The former strut about as proudly ready for an attack. Who or what has excited him? We shall presently see. The turkey, like the bovine family, becomes exasperated at the sight of scarlet red, and the turkey's master happens to make his appearance in a scarlet vest. I once witnessed an instance in which a cow became so mad-dened at the sight of a scarlet dress that considerable force, and moral suasion from the head of a cane, had to be employed to prevent a child from being horned to death by the infuriated animal. If a person hold up before the eyes of a turkey a red handkerchief, he should be on his guard against the reception of "beauty spots" on his face from the bill, wings and claws of the furious biped. But if he has the good fortune to have a piece of chalk about him he may now turn it to advantage in taming the infuriated fowl. This can be done by stepping behind him by the upper part of the neck with the left hand, and pressing his bill flat on the earth, while with the right hand a heavy chalk line is drawn on the ground to a distance of a few feet—perhaps six or eight—and in a direct line from the turkey's nose. He will continue to lie there, staring at the line motionless, until taken up, and in the mean time the little tuft or cap on his forehead has shrunk to its former size, the Adam's Apple has collapsed, and the nose regained its normal size and color. When removed, he will rise gently, pace away in his usual measured, majestic way, even take a bite of the food which he a short time ago so disdainfully rejected. Ferocious and haughty as he was ten minutes before, he will now suffer himself to be driven off into a remote corner of the yard by a cockerel, who had the misfortune to be hosted by him. The turkey in general is very cowardly; on perceiving a fowmart he will make off as fast as his heels can carry him, and will stoop into the high grass or into a bush or thicket at the sound uttered by a very small owl, perhaps not one-tenth of his size.

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as an overdressed young fop on a promenade; and if the hens begin to explore the country in search of a safe place for their nests. The hen always hides her eggs from the gobbler. The plumage of the wild turkey is of a brilliant metallic color. In the spring season the turkey commences his tours up and down the country, picking off choice berries from currant, raspberry, and other fruit-bearing bushes. A good-sized fat turkey will weigh as much as fifty pounds.

Before closing this rather lengthy description, I should not pass over the young ones. The young turkeys are very tender. If they have the misfortune to be struck by a draft of cold air, or the sun shine upon their delicate head, or a nettle pierce their tender feet, or they are caught suddenly in a rain-shower, or "catch cold," they must immediately be wrapped up in flannel that has previously been well soaked in strong brandy; wine is poured into the water they drink; panado, frumenty and groats, eggs that have been cooked and chopped finely, and manchets, are placed before them. If the turkey hen espy a hawk, she immediately assembles her young ones, conceals them beneath her wings, or sets them under a thick bush. If she perceive a fowmart in the distance, she immediately leaves her nest and contrives to allure the noxious animal away from her repository of eggs. The wild turkey is very thievish, knows how to unfasten ears of corn, understands the art of "hooking" fruit from the trees, and not seldom will venture to enter a hen coop, eat away all the corn or bread, and then walk off contentedly. If it happens that the turkey is separated from his companions by a river or creek, he will try to fly over to them; but, being so very fat and heavy, he often falls into the water, and seldom succeeds in reaching the opposite shore. Notwithstanding all his efforts, he falls back into the water, and is swept along by the current. But if—once, perhaps, in ten times—he succeeds in escaping Neptune's clutches and reaching terra firma, he again struts about proudly and majestically.

P. F. S.

Ingersollism.

[The following is an extract from a sketch of Ingersoll and his pretenses written by Mr. Wheeler, of the "New York World," known in humorous literature as "Nym Crinkle." It will be found a splendid illustration of word-painting and analysis, and completely demolishes the notorious infidel lecturer.]

As the lecture approached the subject of God, it became humorous. Bob's caveat is the application of the hilarious to the infinite. In the treatment of skylarks and daisies he is reverent and pathetic. In the discussion of eternity or the deity he is as sportive as a Caliban, as flippant as a Merry Andrew, and as inappropriately volatile as a drummer. He is the only Sunday night performer of our generation who can stand up and declare that man is an orphan at his birth and an outcast in his destiny to peals of laughter. He is wrought to a jocund delight as he pictures the human race waiting dumbly through the night of ages for the dawn, and he rises to the ecstasy of a practical joke as he tells them there will be no sunrise.

Irreverent in his treatment of religion, he is always inaccurate in his treatment of science and sentimental in his estimate of morals. He uses facts as a man gathering stones. If they are good weapons, he keeps them; if not, he buries them out of sight. He declared again that music, poetry and painting had been fought step by step by religion. The greatest poems—such as Dante's "Inferno," Milton's "Paradise Lost," and Gathe's "Faust"—spring out of it, as do those sculptured fanes that lift their beauty and their reverence imperishably into the haven of hope. "These are my apostles!" he cried,—"Copernicus, Kepler, Galileo!" with the implication that they had been opposed to religion; whereas Copernicus was educated by a Bishop, was Canon of Frauenberg, dedicated his best work to Pope Paul III, and, dying, was honored and buried by the Church. Keppler was what in our day would be called a pious man; and Galileo was a devout Catholic. He assailed the past in the same bushwacking way. All the literature of Greece would not make one play of Shakspeare. But it is a fact, nevertheless, that the literature of Greece did make a number of them.

Then he shot his scientific thunder-bolt. Science had torn down the myth and the miracle and all the supernatural, and it makes this greatest of all assertions: the uniformity of nature is the same to-day, to-morrow, and forevermore. But he did not undertake to explain in what manner the uniformity of eternal nature lifted, comforted or blessed the multifority of free agents.

The entertainment, regarded, as an explanation of myths, was amusing without being at all original or satisfactory. The account of the legends of India and Greece and Egypt were snatched bodily at second hand from the encyclopedia and treated with contempt in telling. The genesis of wholly unlike myths was made identical. Apollo, Bacchus, Thor, Christ, Krishna, Jack the Giant Killer, and the Virgin were swept with the besom of burlesque into the same dust bin of romance. The "Snake Story," as he calls it, excites his fiercest contempt and ridicule. That it does, simply shows him to be neither a scholar nor a philosopher. The snake story is one of the most amazing of universal phenomena. The mystery of the serpent that is in the Mosaic history stretches, not only from Moses to Hezekiah, but withes with recondite meaning along the history of the Hamitic races from Memphis to Babylon; and his strange, mystic trail has been traced in the primitive fears and primitive knowledge of man, from the religions of Scandina via to those of Polynesia and the American prairies. It is called round the rod of Hermes, and is the symbol on the cave temples of Egypt. It lies in mammoth ruins on our great plains, and is gravem in convolutions on the tombs of Hindooistan and the frozen steps of the North.

Philology, ethnology, archaeology and theology tread here with curious awe. The gentleman from Peoria turns a rhetorical back somersault and
screams. It is not for such an entertainer to deal with myths. In any endeavor to fix the status of this performer, as we fix other amusement-makers, I should say that nothing exactly like him had ever been seen before. In reckless humor, in defiant ignorance, in unscrupulous perversion and in tinkling sentimentality he is peerless. With the grasp of these gifts he has wrought the stupendous issues of life and death, the mystery of a hereafter and the inscrutable destiny of the human race into the effective compass of the “stump,” and assaults heaven with the fluffy nimbleness of a lightning-calculator.

In some respects an overweening and ruthless Americanism in his method of looking at things brings before us the spread-eagle orator from the deestrick, where the flap of the eagle’s wing is still heard, and the deestrick school rounds up the patriotism, the humanity and the learning of the locality. But in ethics and religion Bob’s Americanism reaches to heights and depths never before scaled or fathomed.

If I were asked, as a humble student who had listened to this orator and had for years tried to preserve a respect for all opinions, what it was that his oratory represented, I should say that its facts were myths and its logic miracles.

I should say that he may be accepted as the outcome of an intellectual restlessness and bravado which are, perhaps, the results of a liberty and prosperity that have diffused knowledge without increasing culture; that is, enlarging man’s sense for his personal dependence.

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Scientific Notes.

—Hellofite is the suggestive name of a new explosive, compounded in a Germany laboratory. It is said to be a mixture of nitro-glycerine and gelatine, dissolved in strong nitric acid. Its power is greater than that of nitro-glycerine, or dynamite, and it is much less dangerous to handle.

—Lake Glazier, the newly-discovered source of the Mississippi, is a sparkling little lake, which nestles among the pines of a wild and unfrequented region of Minnesota, just on the dividing ridge which forms the great water-shed of North America. It is about a mile and a half in greatest diameter. The waters of the lake are exceedingly pure, coming from springs.

—Dr. Draper, of the Meteorological Observatory, is said to regard ozone as constituting a predisposing cause of pneumonia. If this be the case, the matter of keeping plants in bed-rooms becomes serious, as flowering, and especially odoriferous plants, exhale ozone largely. The value of ozone, pro and con, has been much discussed, but there appears to be no doubt that small quantities act upon the lungs with great violence.

—There has recently been discovered on Star Island, Isles of Shoals, a singular hole in the solid granite ledge of the Island, just above high water mark in front of the ice house. It is five feet, six inches deep, and two feet, three inches in diameter, perfectly circular and with smooth sides, apparently the work of human hands; but when or by whom made, or for what purpose, no one has yet explained. It was packed solidly with pebbles and gravel when discovered, and has been trodden over thousands of times by fishermen and former residents of the island and summer visitors without its existence being detected.

—A New York paper says: “Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, has resumed his work on the phonograph, for recording spoken words and musical sounds for repetition, which he abandoned in 1878 to perfect his electric light. He is now building one with a five-foot wheel to be driven by steam, the sound of which will be transferred to a wheel, forty times its diameter, which will have a funnel thirty feet long, and give forth a sound thirty times louder than the human voice. He has got so far as to make it say ‘Ahi!’ distinctly. He says that after he perfects this machine he will construct one for office use to take the place of stenographers and type-writers, and which can be used at home to box up the thoughts of the owners until the next day.”

—Another addition to the list of priestly inventors and discoverers has to be chronicled. A priest of Namur—the Abbé Thirion—has invented a new kind of roofing, which has attracted considerable attention among French architects, who praise it very highly. The idea is exceedingly simple. The roofing is done by ordinary slates, but these are fastened, not at the top, but at their lower part. “Simple indeed,” says the Cosmos, “but it wanted thinking of; it is the old story of Columbus and the egg. Besides, it was necessary, after thinking of it, to invent some practical process for rendering the new idea practical. This the Abbé Thirion has done.” The details which are given are very ingenious, and quite merit the encumbrances passed upon them. The Abbé Thirion is a distinguished mechanician, and has several times obtained patents for his various inventions.

—Various methods have been devised for treating the surface of certain woods so as to produce the most perfect imitations possible of rosewood, walnut, etc.; but some of the most attractive work in this line is effected by simply spreading on the surface of the material a concentrated solution of hypermangate of potassa, this being allowed to dry until the desired shade is obtained. Five minutes suffice ordinarily to give a deep color—a few trials indicating the proper proportions. The hypermangate of potassa is decomposed by the vegetable fibres with the precipitation of brown peroxide of manganese, which the influence of the potassa, at the same time set free, fixes in a durable manner on the fibres. When the action is terminated, the wood is carefully washed with water, dried, and then oiled and polished in the usual manner. The effect produced by this process in several woods is really remarkable. On the cherry, especially, it develops a beautiful red color which resists well the action of air and light.
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—We regret that, owing to an accident to our cutting machine, we are obliged to send out uncut many copies of this week's SCHOLASTIC. Our readers will please accept our apologies. The evil will soon be repaired, and everything, we hope, will be serene hereafter.

—The semi-annual examinations will begin on Monday, the 25th inst. It is expected that their results will form a fitting crown to a session about which so much general satisfaction on the part of students and Faculty has been deservedly expressed. It is desirable, therefore, that the spirit and industry which have prevailed will not be allowed to flag as the end draws near. Finis coronat opus. One week yet remains, and it should be profited by to supply, as far as possible, what may be needed to present a worthy showing when the work of the session comes to be inquired into. As far as the examinations are concerned, it is needless to say that their object is simply to ascertain what the student has learned, in order to determine his standing in his course and the rewards, if any, to which he is entitled. The idea of any such thing as a "terrible ordeal" for the purpose of "sticking," should be banished as a groundless, childish fear, unworthy of a manly student who realizes and has at heart the grand object for which his year at college is given to him.

The averages will be published in the SCHOLASTIC after the examinations, and it is confidently expected that each one will be creditable to the student and give joy to parents and friends.

—The Hellenists of the University, under the direction of their worthy Professor, have gotten out, in neat pamphlet form, a collection of narratives, anecdotes, conundrums, etc., in the language of Athens of old, "set" in Greek type by their own skilled and industrious hands. The little book is one of several others—some already published, others in course of preparation,—all of which have a peculiarly fascinating interest for the student of Greek and cannot fail to impart a love for a language—which some modern educators (?) would seek to "taboo"—and aid in the acquisition of a familiarity with its intricacies, thus paving the way for the perfect enjoyment of its manifold beauties. The little book, containing, as it does, short pieces in Greek prose and poetry—for the most part the expression of the thought of the present day—possesses an interest to the student of Greek everywhere. A few pages in conclusion are devoted to the History of the Hellenic Association of Notre Dame, with notices from Greek papers of the plays—Edipus Tyrannus and Antigone—produced in former years. The names of the officers of the present year are also given, and it is quite a curiosity to see them in their Greek dress. We lingered long over the πολιτήραρι, and we sympathized greatly with the διδάσκαλοι. They have all done well, and may be proud of the work they have accomplished.

Of course, the chief credit for the work must be given to the Rev. N. J. Stoffel, C. S. C., Professor of Greek. Though his name does not appear in connection with the book, yet it was produced under his direction; and it is another evidence of the happy results which have attended his efforts to excite renewed interest in classical studies. We hope that his praiseworthy labors will meet, in the future as in the past, with the success they so well deserve.

The Study of Drawing.

There are always to be found people to decry the study of what are called the fine arts. They do not find fault with the study if he who occupies himself with it intends following an art for a livelihood; but that a young man who intends to engage in commercial pursuits should study the arts, they hold absurd. Thus especially they speak of
faculties. By it the imagination is brought into
made an auxiliary in the development of the higher
servation assisted by drawing, but it may even be
into play the observation of the pupil to its greatest
training, practice is required. This practice brings
be trained to do this perfectly—and, to attain this '
preserved by drawing. What the eye perceives
the use of words, and ideas of form are defined and
accurate observation. It thus cultivates the per­
clearly. Vagueness of expression is the result of
the sciences the great endeavor, while using the
and, such being the case, the primary attention
prospects presented to them are often harsh and
opportunity for following this delightful study.

Capital and Labor.

What the land question was to the agricultural
population of Ireland, the labor question is to the
toiling masses of the United States—who, in one or
another form of manufacturing industry—in mines
and shops, or public employment—are honestly
striving to "earn their bread by the sweat of their
brow."

In the case of the Irish people, the question was
one of life and death, or, what was practically the same,
starvation or exile. An alternative so monstrous and so
dreadful is not presented in the United States to those who
toil; but the conditions and prospects presented to them are often harsh and
bitter.

We have seen, in the instances of labor strikes,
and by the simultaneous suspension of work in the
great mills and factories, that tens of thousands of men,
accustomed to subsist by the returns for their
daily toil, have been reduced, with their families,
to want and wretchedness.

The accounts given in the public journals of the
sufferings in Ohio and Pennsylvania during the re­
cent strikes amongst the miners recalls the wide­
spread and, in instances, awful distress which pre­
vailed in the districts in question.

The startling figures lately put forth by repre­
sentatives of the Knights of Labor,—which is said to
be a powerful and widely extended labor organ­
zation,—as to the number of unemployed men in
the United States seem incredible in the face of
the apparent activity of trade and the general seem­
ing prosperity; but there is no doubt the real figures are great enough to excite deep concern on the part of the thoughtful and reflecting observer.

It does not require that one should be either a philosopher or a communist to see the prevailing conditions of the labor element in the United States, that something is seriously out of gear. With capital everywhere concentrating in the form of monopolies,—whether it be in the consolidation of railroads and telegraphs, or in mills and mines where products are “pooled,” or yet in the colossal stores and factories; on every hand is seen the strengthening and solidifying of capital in the hands of the few. And this consolidation, it is plain, is only effected by sweeping out, or swallowing up, smaller enterprises. This is the logical and, perhaps, inevitable result of our modern social system—in which wealth and “greed of gain” is held to be the chief end of life. But with this visible agglomeration of wealth in the hands of the comparatively few, what is to be said of the conditions and prospects of the laboring masses? If, happily, in the acquisition and accumulation of wealth by monopolists, we could hope for the rules and application of Christian principles and a realizing sense of Christian duties in its employment and distribution, there would then be less occasion for concern and apprehension in considering the problems presented in the questions of “Capital and Labor.” However seductive and alluring may be the dreams and vagaries of latter-day theorists, inequality of social and worldly conditions is and will remain the rule. Utopia will remain in the books; it cannot be realized, in fact, under the conditions of our or any other known civilization. It can and may be realized, but in a form and fashion outside the ken of the modern “philosopher”—and that will be by the universal acceptance of Divine law and the general practice of the Divine command.

The Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount contain the solution of all the problems with which we are concerned in the discussion of this question. When capital recognizes and acts up to the duties involved in, and implied by, the possession of wealth, labor will recognize and respect the rights of capital.

The philosophy of the question turns upon these two simple words, “Rights” and “Duties.”

Adam Smith says: “The property which every man has in his own labor, as it is the original foundation of all other property, so it is the most sacred and inviolable. The patrimony of a poor man lies in the strength and dexterity of his hands; and to hinder him from employing this strength and dexterity in what manner he thinks proper, without injury to his neighbor, is a plain violation of this most sacred property.” A distinguished Catholic authority—Cardinal Manning—gives a more concise definition—“The honest exertion of the powers of our minds and of our body for our own good, and for the good of our neighbors.”

The rights of the workman to dispose of his own toil on his own terms cannot be questioned; nor can his right to combine and unite with other toilers for purposes of mutual protection be seriously questioned. Indeed, such unions and combinations may be said to be a necessity in the existing order.

How is it possible, except through such union and combination, to resist the power of great corporations and exacting monopolies, which, as a rule, little regard the rights of the day-laborer. Capital is protected by its own innate power, by its influence over legislation and legislative bodies, and by the readiness with which “pools” and “combinations” are formed to its bidding; but in its control over labor it is more powerful still by reason of the helplessness of the working masses, who must work in order to live. An autocratic order from the chief of some great corporation may sometimes reduce the wages of tens of thousands of employees from ten to twenty per cent. in one swoop. And the tens of thousands have no redress or alternative unless to “strike.”

And here lies the difficulty. The public, as a rule, do not sympathize with “strikes” and “strikers.” Strikes are always inconvenient. They upset the existing order, disturb business, and sometimes lead to destruction of property.

There is, and can be, of course, no justification for lawlessness. If the rights of the workman to fix a price for his labor, and other conditions as to the hours of his service, cannot be disputed, the equal rights of the employers to fix the terms and price to be paid is no less certain. Between these, often irreconcilable, conditions lie only submission, strikes, or arbitration. The former is often expedient, the second sometimes necessary, the last is always wise. A leaning mine owner, widely known for his uniform practical sympathy with his operatives, and for his public spirit and high character—Col. William P. Wend, of Chicago—has lately put forward, in several public conventions representing the mining interests, a method of arbitration which would be invoked in case of differences between employers and operatives. The simple suggestion of arbitration, as the true remedy, carries on its face the evident solution of this vexed labor problem.

It is not necessary to suggest details. The fundamental idea is that all differences may and ought to be reconciled by frank and honest arbitration. Where employers will meet operatives on this half-way neutral ground, an adjustment may be effected, or arbitration could be appealed to; and these should be provided for by law in every State.

When corporations and individual employers shall—as very many, to their honor be it said, undoubtedly do—show due regard and consideration for the rights and necessities of workmen and operatives, there need be no fear of the spectre of communistic disorder in the United States. Our mechanics and workingmen are instinctively conservative, and cannot be led away permanently into dangerous societies and combinations, if only cap-
Books and Periodicals.


This is a "round, unvarnished tale," such as might win the ear of a Desdemona. Stanley's literary style is plain, and would be prosaic, were it not for the interest due to the facts he narrates, and, perhaps, a plain style most befits the subject, carrying with it, as it does, the conviction of perfect sincerity on the part of the narrator. With the breaking up of the slave trade (for which the nineteenth century will be encircled with a luminous crown, as it is looked back upon from the standpoint of ages yet to come), has dawned upon us the knowledge of the interior of the Dark Continent as a land of verdure and fruitfulness, far from the arid desert it was once supposed. A land whose powers of productiveness may be multiplied one-hundredfold under the auspices of civilization. The vast area known now as the Free State of Congo—although the sense in which it is "free" has little reference to the condition of the population—extends over a large and rich portion of Central Africa, and the history of the formation of outposts of civilization therein is most entertaining as well as instructive. As we read we learn that human nature is human nature all the world over. The two volumes of this work are very handsomely bound and printed. The illustrations bring the events of the narrative before the mind with redoubled force, and the maps give evidence of the solid work done by the explorer and his assistants. We have great pleasure in recommending this work to all.

—In everything that enters into the make-up of acceptable college song books, those published by Oliver Ditson & Co. are unquestionably superior to all others. "Carmina Collegensia" ($3.00), an elegant volume containing a complete collection of American and Foreign Student Songs, at once took its place as the song book par excellence years ago. After twenty or more editions, as the result of frequent and careful revisions (as remarked by the Springfield Republican), it remains the standard book of its kind, and will probably so continue for years to come. Not long ago, to meet the demand for a cheaper edition, this house issued "Student Life in Song" ($1.50), with a charming introduction by Charles Dudley Warner, and containing choice selections from the larger book, including all of its foreign student and miscellaneous songs. To these favorite books has been added a third, the popularity of which is attested by the fact that every edition has been exhausted as fast as printed. This book—"College Songs" (mailed free for fifty cents)—is unquestionably the best as well as cheapest of its kind. It contains not only a selection of the best "old songs," but a splendid collection of new songs recently introduced in college circles, most of which are copyrighted and can be found in no other collection. Among them are such capital ones as "Funiculi," "Paddy Duffy's Cart," "Darling Clementine," "In the Morning by the Bright Light," "Irish Christening," "Emmet's Lullaby," "McSorley's Twins," "Spanish Cavalier," "Solomon Levi," "Carve dat Possum," "To the Brave," (quartet) "Rosalie," "Good-bye, my Lover, Good-bye," "What Beams so Bright," and many more choice gems. One of the best features of this, and the books first mentioned is, that all of the solos have piano accompaniments. That these books should excel others of their kind in value is not surprising in view of the fact that their editor has had at his disposal the copyright material, and other facilities, of the largest music publishing house in the world. Those who desire the best college song books should see to it that they have the imprint of Oliver Ditson & Co.

--The Popular Science Monthly for January opens with M. Pasteur's communication to the French Academy of Sciences announcing his discovery and successful application of "Inoculation against Hydrophobia." In "The Origin of Primitive Money" Mr. Horatio Hale, an accomplished student of aboriginal history and customs, describes wampum and its uses, and traces the existence of similar currencies in other parts of the world, and even in the most ancient times, in China. In "Progress in Tornado-Prediction," Mr. William A. Eddy shows that something real has been accomplished in that direction, and that it is now possible to render cases where a tornado may overtake a settled neighborhood unawares of rare occurrence. In "Communal Societies," Mr. Charles Morris compares the social organizations of "communal animals"—beavers, bees, ants, etc.—with the primitive social organizations of men. In "The Flower or the Leaf," and "The Study of the Relations of Things," Dr. Mary Putnam-Jacobi and Miss Eliza A. Youmans discuss, from their respective points of view, ostensibly how the study of botany should be begun, but really fundamental principles of primary instruction. Mr. George F. Kuza has an interesting paper, beautifully illustrated, on the "Agatized and Jasperized Wood of Arizona," a remarkable phenomenon distinguishing a whole "park." Other papers of interest are Professor Flower's "The Varieties of the Human Species," Grant Allen's "Fish out of Water," Herbert Spencer's social science study of "Nonconformity," the Rev. Henry Kendall's startling speculation on "Natural Heirship; or, all the World Akin"; Dr. William Odling's "Science in its Useful Applications," in which the author animadverts upon the modern cant about the superiority of pure science, and on the idea that there is something derogatory in making science practically profitable. The biographical sketch, accompanied by the usual portrait, is of Frank Buckland, one of the interesting characters in the history of science. The editor rejoices over "The Decline of the Ghost,"

ITAL will join in promoting the adoption of "arbitration" as the true solution of the labor problem.

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Personal.

—Eugene C. Orrick, '82, is a prominent and successful lawyer at Indianola, Miss.

—Rev. Vice-President Zahm made a flying visit on business to Chicago last Thursday.

—Among the welcome visitors of the past week was Rev. C. M. Korst, of Coldwater, Mich.

—Ed. Schmauss (Com'), '85, is in business at Rockford, Ill. His many friends will be glad to learn that he is doing well.

—Rev. A. Morrissey, C. S. C., formerly Professor at Notre Dame, now the esteemed Vice-President of Sacred Heart College, Watertown, was the recipient of many handsome Xmas offerings.

—Rev. President Walsh returned last Tuesday, after a few weeks' vacation in the sunny South. We are glad to state that the trip has brought a much-desired improvement in health to Father Walsh.

—Mr. Jas. Graham, formerly of Nashville, Tenn., and well known here in 1863-'64 and '65 for his eloquent talents, is now a partner in the law firm of Heard & Graham, Attorneys at Law, Cleburne, Texas. Jim was the first "Prince of Portage Prairie."

—Among the visitors during the past week were: Miss Hake, Miss Helen Hake, Grand Rapids, Mich.; E. D. Millen, Esq., Chicago, Ill.; Mr. Robert Mitchel, Princeton, Ind.; L. B. Custer, Logansport, Ind.; Alex. Heron, Indianapolis, Ind.; Lorenzo E. Henderson, J. J. Wad, St. Louis, Mo.; Aaron Jones, Sr., Samuel Bowmer, South Bend, Ind.; C. G. Towle, Mishawaka, Ind.; Mrs. P. L. Garrity, Chicago.

—The following notice of the Hon. James H. Ward, of '69, recently appeared in the Washington Post:

"One of the Democratic Congressmen from Chicago is J. H. Ward. He is barely thirty years old, and is worth upward of $300,000. He is a bright lawyer, a good conversationalist, and a fair orator. He is one of the handsomest men in Congress. He has taken quarters for the winter at Willard's. Mrs. Ward is an accomplished lady, and will undoubtedly be prominent in society here. Mr. Ward is liberal and charitable, but exceedingly modest about his gifts. He has made his wife a present of his entire two years' salary as a Congressman."

Local Items.

—Present indications point to an increased attendance next session.

—Be ready!

—Who will win the cake?

—Look out for the "Semis."

—All are back, and more, too.

—The big dynamo has arrived.

—There are indications of a January thaw.

—Ye festive "sassidge" hath begun to put in an appearance.

—Lectures on Political Economy were resumed last Thursday.

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tween a rat and a mouse, in which the rat tore to pieces the mouse; but, it must be said, the latter was handicapped in the struggle, or rather he had his head captured in a trap. N. B.—The victor has not as yet been heard from.

—The “blizzard” with which the week opened—to the great joy of some local weather prophets—took its departure for “other climes,” after a brief sojourn of two days. Since then the weather has been delightful, and the sleighing splendid—luxuries that have been heartily enjoyed.

—The eleventh number of the Scholastic Annual, published by Prof. J. A. Lyons, of Notre Dame University, has been received. Its table of contents is, if possible, richer than ever, and composed of matter of interest and value to every household and every office.—South Bend Register.

—The students of St. Edward’s Hall had a very pleasant sleigh-ride on Thursday. They took in South Bend on their route, and were very courteously shown through the Oliver-Chilled Plow works by Mr. Oliver himself. The princes return sincere thanks for the kindness and attention shown them.

—Speaking of the delightful climate of Florida, Rev. President Walsh says that just now, while everything here is covered with snow, the streets of Jacksonville are lined with orange trees laden with fruit. He brought with him, as a specimen, a tree the day he started for home.

—At the 10th regular meeting of the St. Cecilia Philomathean Association, held on the 15th inst., the following gave recitations: E. Darragh, R. C. Newton, C. Spencer, P. Brownson, and D. C. Regan. The public readers for this week are, F. Long, W. Wabraushek, M. O’Kane, M. Mulchern, R. C. Newton, and E. Darragh.

—The work of running the wires for the electric light through all the rooms and corridors of the main building is now nearly completed. In a few days the wires will be extended through St. Edward’s Hall, then Science Hall and the Academy of Music. By that time it is expected that the new large dynamo will be in position.

—The 12th regular meeting of the Sorin Literary and Dramatic Association was held in St. Edward’s Hall, on Monday, Jan. 11. Well-written compositions on various subjects were read by Masters R. Munroe, F. Peck, F. Dunford, and W. Bailey. The Chair proposed a debate for the next meeting, and exhorted all to keep up the energy and industry they have shown for the past four months.

—Next week, a grand Bazaar will be held in the Juniors’ reception rooms for the benefit of the Juniors’ Baseball Association. The committees who have charge of the arrangements are hard at work preparing to make the affair a grand success, and contributions for the booths are flowing in from all sides. Persons desiring to contribute articles or etabblies can send them to Messrs. Benner, Cooper, or Myers.

—The “beard question” has of late begun to assume gigantic and awful proportions in this vicinity. An old friend of the Scholastic writes as follows:

The Rev. F.—has become a convert to the old doctrine. I join with him in the same declaration. He is only afraid that some may fear it would detract from their personal handsome appearance. Tant s’en faut qu’aum contraire: and if anyone insists, let him come to—and look at him, and judge if he has not gained 100 per cent. since he laid aside his old dull and deceitful razors.

—“Vapid Vaportings,” by “Justin Thyme,” with the compliments of the author, kept us up several hours last night, in the enjoyment of its sly humor and quaint fancies. We suppose no bright college student has ever failed to indulge in flights of poetic fancy. In most cases they get no farther than the college paper in which they are born, cradled and buried. “Vapid Vaportings,” however, have risen again in an elegant volume, of which they are well worthy. They are, beyond comparison the best efforts of student literature that we have ever seen.—Ypsilanti Sentinel.

—In their recent publication the Hellenists treat us to what they call a very respectable word. Mr. Aristophanes, who pronounced it a few thousand years ago, we learn, is now a dead man. It reads: Ψίλιτε Ψίλιτε Ψίλιτε Ψίλιτε Ψίλιτε Ψίλιτε Ψίλιτε Ψίλιτε Ψίλιτε Ψίλιτε Ψίλιτε


—An interesting scene was witnessed on the Juniors’ Campus yesterday afternoon, at one o’clock, when an exhibition was given of the “Ready Fire Extinguisher.” Board partitions, 12 feet in height and 10 feet in length, were erected, and after being thoroughly saturated with kerosene oil and covered with tar and paraffine were set on fire. The flames rose fiercely, roaring and cackling, to a height of fifteen or more feet. Mr. E. D. Miller, the agent of the “Extinguisher” Company, threw a “Hand Grenade” into the flames without producing any effect. Then, taking the “Ready Extinguisher,” and standing about ten or twelve feet off from the conflagration, a portion of the contents were thrown when the flames were subdued so as to permit of a nearer approach, and the application of a few more drops resulted in completely extinguishing the fire. The exhibition occupied less than a minute, and was a complete success.

—It may not be generally known that an interesting relic of the very early days of Notre Dame still survives. It is the first altar, made by Bro.
Francis more than 42 years ago, on which the venerable Father Sorin used to say Mass in the old log-chapel that marked the site on which he began the series of labors that have been crowned with such grand results. This precious souvenir of an early and laborious period in the history of a grand and world-renowned institution is still used for the offering of the Holy Sacrifice and may be seen in the East chapel of the new extension to the church.

We were shown, a few days ago, another very interesting relic of old Notre Dame. It is a small, eight-page pamphlet, giving the report of the "Solemn Distribution of Premiums at Notre Dame du Lac University, South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana, July Fourth, 1858." In those early days—no doubt through patriotic motives—it was customary to hold the commencement exercises on the Nation's Festival Day, and they were always inaugurated by the reading of the "Declaration of Independence." This endured for a few years, when commencement time was changed to its present date. The paper is interesting as a record of the classes taught forty years ago and the number of students attending. The name of the first graduate of Notre Dame—the lamented Rev. N. H. Gillespie, so long an efficient officer of the University and an active and devoted member of the Community—appears among the students of the time, and no doubt in other catalogues of an earlier date. We are pleased to learn that efforts are being made to secure for preservation these old-time prospectuses and catalogues with a view to supply valuable materials for an interesting history of Notre Dame.

The Director of the Historical Department returns grateful acknowledgments to Rt. Rev. Bishop Mora, of Los Angeles, Cal., for valuable souvenirs of the missionaries of California; to Prof. Stoddard for a piece of the stole taken from the remains of the Ven. Father Junipero Serra, the day his remains were found in the Sanctuary of the old Carmelo Mission Church; a Certificate of Baptism written and signed by Father Junipero Serra the 29th Xber, 1781; also a letter written by him in Monterey to his Superior; Baptismal Certificate written and signed at the Mission of Santa, Thereza, 20th of Oct., 1782, by Father Francisco Dumet; to Mrs. Fitzhugh, of Bay City, for a piece of the gold chain by which Archbishop Carroll suspended his pectoral cross; to Miss Brent for an autograph letter of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton; to Master Gus. Cooper for souvenirs of Dubuque missionaries; to Mrs. Shields for pairs of heavy golden epaulettes worn by Maj. Gen. Shields; to Miss Eliza Allan Starr for valuable manuscripts; to Master G. Berry, of Denver, for Swiss coins; to Mr. H. Hull for Italian script; to F. J. Hagenbarth, for rare American nickels; to Master Castillo for Mexican game; and to Mrs. J. Berthelet, of Milwaukee, for a large lithograph of Rt. Rev. John Henni, first Bishop of Milwaukee; also for large lithograph of Rt. Rev. Dr. Peisoncault, first Bishop of London, Canada West.
Saint Mary's Academy.

One Mile West of Notre Dame University.

—Fine cut flowers for the Altar from Miss Munger are gratefully acknowledged.
—Miss Katie Fehr brings her cousin, Miss Anne Baschamang, as a holiday addition to the ranks of St. Mary's Senior department.
—Mrs. Shephard of Arlington, Nebraska, has made several very acceptable gifts to the Academy, for which hearty thanks are tendered.
—The life-size statue of Mater Admirabilis in the Juniors' study-hall is now surrounded with fresh and appropriate decorations, which add greatly to the cheerful appearance of the apartment.
—Miss Florence Wynn, of Toledo, Ohio, on her return from her holiday vacation was accompanied by her elder sister, who has entered as a pupil. Mrs. Wynn came with her two daughters and Miss Laskey.
—Miss Fuller has painted roses on a banner of blue silk, which were so well executed that they received a compliment from Signor Gregori. It is designed to veil the mirror of the cabinet in the North reception room.
—All the Princesses have returned to their very bright, but no less unpretending palace. They are entering into the very essential mysteries of practical calisthenics and, as a natural consequence, are perfectly upright.
—A very graceful hand painted card of congratulation, to her near relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Byrnes, of St. Joseph's, Mo., was sent by Miss L. Walsh in response to their wedding cards. The design was of her own composition.
—To the honor of the Juniors be it spoken, but many of the entire department have lost their good notes during the year. This is an encouragement, and will doubtless incite them to further endeavors to reach the highest point of excellence.
—The Graduating Class, upon the return of three of their members,—the Misses V. Barlow, M. Munger and L. Carney,—paid a visit to the apartments of Madame Gregori to inspect the beautiful portrait of Miss Gregori, mentioned in the SCHOLASTIC of Jan. 3.
—On the festival of the Epiphany, the hearty personal greetings to the prefect, embodying their sentiments of grateful appreciation, and stating the fact that they had secured a number of Masses, were offered for her intention. The manifest remembrance of the care devoted to their comfort and pleasure is certainly no more than a simple proof of that courtesy, the omission of which would be inexcusable. To say "Thank you" is the least one can do on the reception of a favor.
—Some of the cabinet-sized photographs of Very Rev. Father General, taken by McDonald, of South Bend, and lately received in the Academy, are pronounced to be the very best likenesses existing of the venerable original. The charming half-length portrait by Lorin, of Chartres, in France, now in the Convent at Notre Dame, and the full-length figure in the large parlor of the University, painted years ago, by Signor Gregori, are always understood to be left out of the question in any comparison. It is very acceptable, however, to now and then come across a small representation somewhat approaching the appearance of the original, which most of Father General's pictures do not. The new photographs are hailed with unqualified satisfaction by every one.
—The tiny white mounds that mark the window sash, and give an irregular and slightly curving outline to the angular panes of glass which let in the cold light of the wintry sky, while the warmth of the room appeals so winningly to our human sense of comfort, suggests also the delightful illu-
sion of being "snow-bound." However, one must not look far abroad, in order to keep up the illusion. There are no deep snow drifts; no wide fields that are smooth and white as the whitest marble; and as yet not a particle of sleighing. However, it is no more than respectful for winter to put on his best ermine robe to honor the new year, and we are very glad to see that he adheres to his usual sense of propriety. He has but little more than a month and a half to reign, and should make the best of his time to perform the agreeable while he remains on his throne.

—Miss Sophronia St. Clair, who so successfully rendered the part of "Madame Affable" in "New Arts," on the 11th ult., has charmed her numerous friends in Chicago, and elsewhere, during her late holiday vacation, by her admirable recitations. The simple, natural ease of her manner is greatly enhanced by the purity, clearness and force of her rich intonations. The "Reception" in "New Arts," though conducted from year to year by many an accomplished leader, the part which of necessity falls to Madame Affable was never performed in the past in anything approaching the exquisite manner which marked Miss St. Clair's interpretation. She was, however, admirably sustained by the tact and skill of her well-versed assistants, the Misses Rowena Fenton, Marie Bruhn, M. Chute, S. McHale, J. Barlow, and L. Williams.

The despotic sway of winter is felt to such a degree that out-of-door exercise for the most part is rendered quite out of the question. Vigorous indoor calisthenic exercises, carefully superintended, must take its place for some months. But these exercises may be underrated by the thoughtless. On the other hand, one who has noted the rarity of a perfectly symmetrical figure, and who has carefully studied the object of the exercises under consideration, will understand their real value. The indifferent, mechanical, and often ineffective performance, which sometimes passes under the name of calisthenics, is as tiresome as it is useless. Not so the drill which results in "graceful standing," and which is intelligently employed. Young students are often unconscious of the lounging, unhealthful postures they assume while studying or reciting. Misshapen limbs, spinal curvatures, awkward movements are the penalty. Simple, unexaggerated, but regular exercise of the muscles, will serve as the best remedy. Calisthenics at St. Mary's constitute a very pleasant and profitable by-play in the morning after breakfast.

Affectation

Of all the many misapplied terms of which our vernacular is full, the word "affectation" may rank among the first. A person, from conscientious motives, may be somewhat reserved. In the free and easy class, who speak twice before thinking once, she is set down as "affected." Another, from motives equally praiseworthy, would, perhaps, turn the tide of conversation; she assumes a cheerfulness not consistent with the flow of the dangerous gossip which it may be her purpose to divert. The foiled tongues revenge the rebuke, and the delicate charity is dubbed with the ungracious title of "affectation." So we might multiply cases to the end.

The word in question is often trippingly used and thoughtlessly fastened upon individuals and works, more frequently from ignorance than from any other cause. The tyro finds it a very convenient cover to hide his inexpériences. In fact, it is a word very rarely used by those who have a broad knowledge of human nature, of national peculiarities, and of the respect due to the distinguishing traits which constitute individuality. It is, in reality, marvellous what mistakes may be made by very wise people in their estimate of others, and in their expression of that estimate.

At the first thought, the term may not appear quite so offensive as the word "hypocrite," but it is, in fact, just about as complimentary. Attention is called to its very frequent misapplication, since the greatest harm is often done by evil perpetrated "with the best intention in the world."

In circles where slang and provincialisms are current, let one pronounce the English in exact accordance with the standard, and he is very sure to be at once set down as "affected." Let the manners of culture encroach upon the rudeness of the careles and unlettered, and the innovator is at once stigmatized with the ambiguous appellation which, up to just as it may be, is sure to create more or less prejudice.

Mistakes are the most common things in the world. There is only one infallible umpire this side of heaven—that is the holy Church of God; and the exponent of this umpire must speak ex cathedra to be regarded as infallible. This should be a lesson to "common mortals" not to be too ready to brand others with offensive titles, even when they feel sure they are deserved.

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